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Be Sure to LOOK for those Buttons and
roll-over effects

Magic Lantern Society NEWS

2012



Testing Your Magic Lantern Knowledge

Click your answer to these questions True False

1892 Was the first year of the Stereopticon in America?

Brenograph projected special effect theater and vaudeville slides?

Miscellaneous slides can be used to illustrating poems and songs?

Tens of thousands of magic-lantern showmen competed for audiences attention in America in 1896?

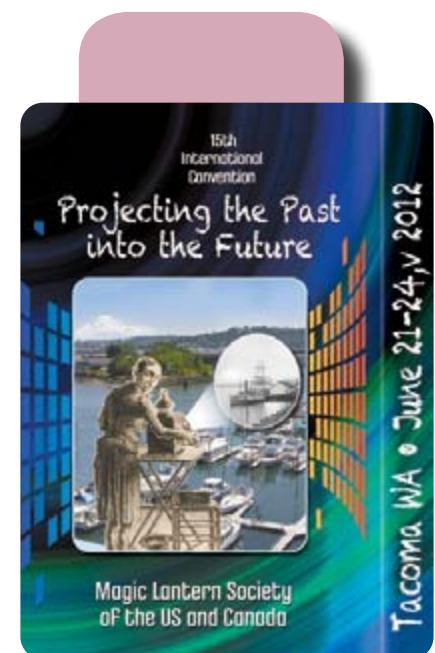
Edmund H Wilkie was one of the world's finest slide painters?

Mr Rabbit's Symphony of Nature is a charming new tale told in old world style?

The 'picture show' was most likely a magic lantern show?

Several film stars began their careers as "models" who "illustrated" lyrics through a series of song slides?

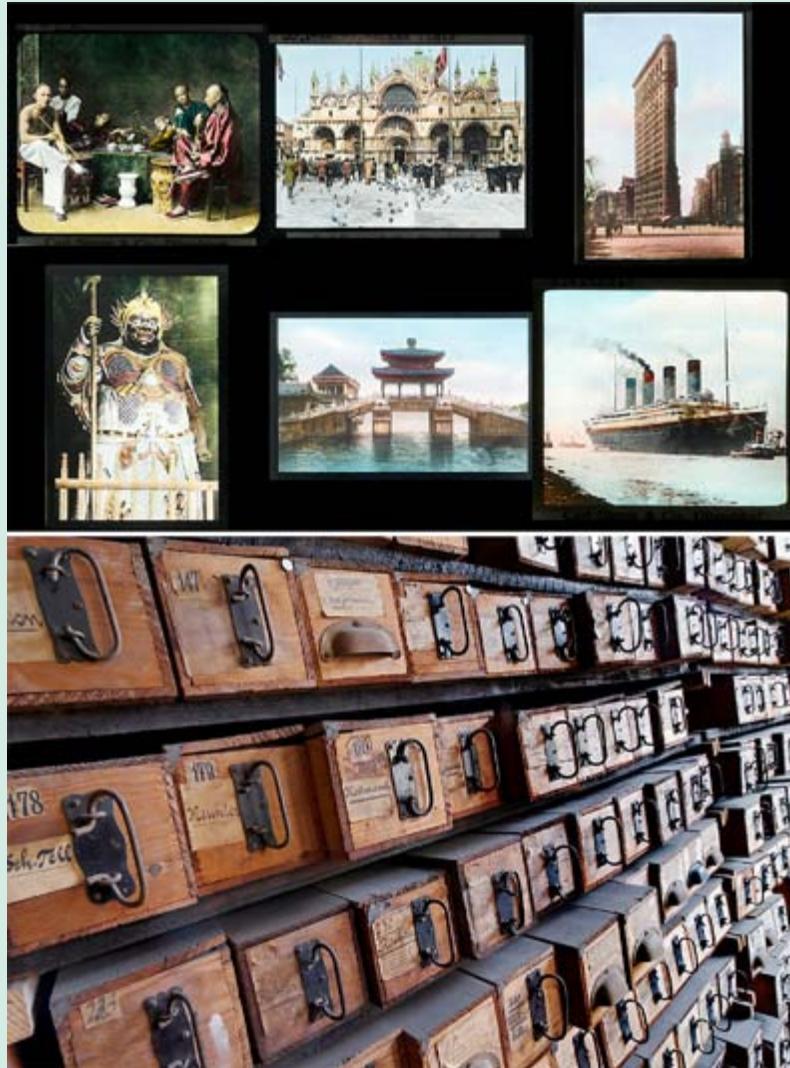
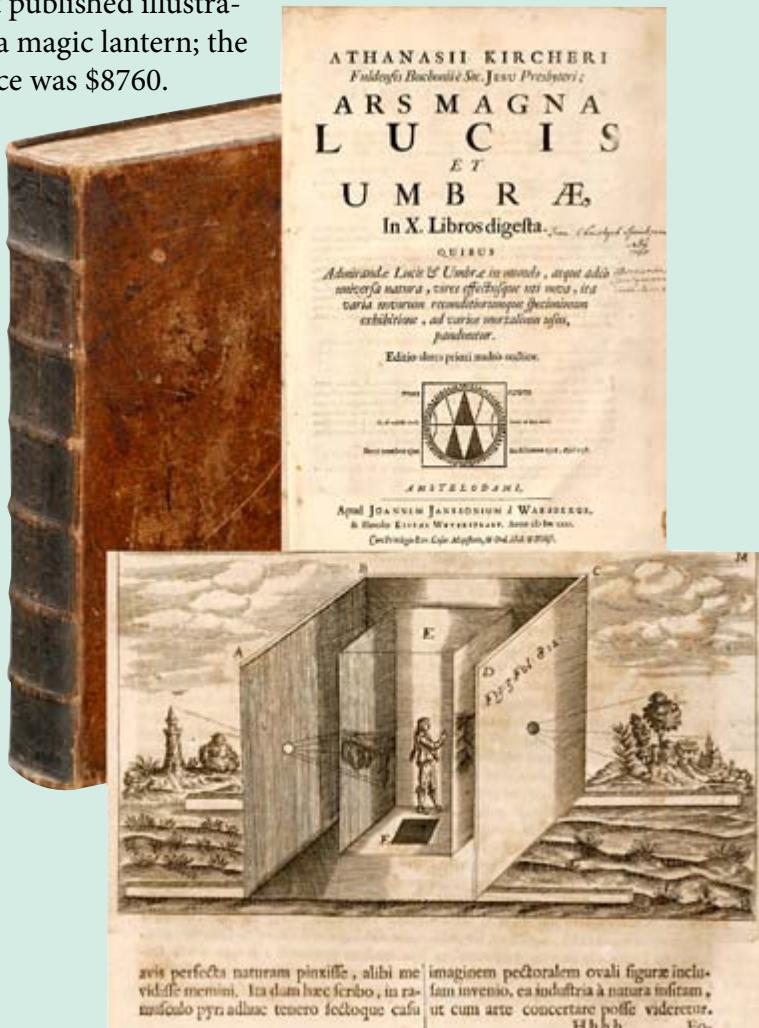
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Auction Results

From Kentwood Wells

Auction Team Breker, run by society member Uwe Breker, reports on some magic-lantern related treasures sold at an auction in March. Among the items sold was an original 1671 edition of Athanasius Kircher's *Ars Magna Lucis et Umbrae*, which contains the first published illustration of a magic lantern; the sale price was \$8760.



Also sold was a collection of 23,000 glass slides comprising the professional photo archive of Carl Simon of Düsseldorf. The collection sold for \$43,560, which seems like a lot of money in total, but represents a price of less than \$2.00 per slide.

From Kentwood Wells



Projection of Titanic onto Giant Iceberg

Swiss light artist Gerry Hofstetter projected pictures of the Titanic on a giant iceberg off Greenland to mark the 100th anniversary of its maiden voyage.

A light projection of the Titanic on a 500-meter-long iceberg in the Northern Polar sea of Greenland, during the night of 13 April 2012.

Swiss artist Gerry Hofstetter is one of the best-known light artists working today. He uses light to project huge images in unexpected places, like a cross on the famous Matterhorn peak in the Alps, and hieroglyphics on the outside of the pyramids in Giza. His projects transform monuments, buildings and landscapes into something new.

See more of Hofstetter's work on his website.

http://www.hofstetter-marketing.com/lightart_performances.html

See photos of a projection in Switzerland by Hofstetter for the Jungfrau railway's anniversary on PhotoBlog.

<http://photoblog.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/01/11/10120400-jungfrau-railway-marks-100-year-anniversary>

Library of Congress Online Catalog

From Tom Rall

Here's the link to the lead story in yesterday's Washington Post style section featuring the Johnston lantern slides:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/frances-benjamin-johnstons-photos-will-debut-online-at-library-of-congress-site/2012/04/12/gIQAEiopDT_story.html

The Washington Post Politics Opinions Local Sports National World Business Tim

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In the News Carolyn Hax John Edwards Discovery Correspondents' dinner



Frances Benjamin Johnston's photos will debut online at Library of Congress site



[View Photo Gallery — Frances Benjamin Johnston's glass lantern slides: now online: The hand-colored slides of photographer Frances Benjamin Johnston](#)

Here's a direct link to their slide show, with 19 lantern slides and two photos. You have to sit through a 5-second ad before access: http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/frances-benjamin-johnstons-glass-lantern-slides/2012/04/12/gIQAslrkDT_gallery.html#photo=19

Johnston (Frances Benjamin) Collection: Search Results

The screenshot shows a search results page for 'PRINTS & PHOTOGRAPHS ONLINE CATALOG (PPC)'. The search term 'J17 lantern' is entered in the search bar. The results page displays 1126 results, with page 1 of 57 shown. A banner at the top of the results page reads 'PRINTS & PHOTOGRAPHS ONLINE CATALOG (PPC)' and 'Search All' with a count of '1126 results containing "J17 lantern"'. Below the banner, there are two columns of images, each containing four small thumbnail images of historical photographs. Each thumbnail has a caption below it. The first column includes images of houses in Pasadena, California, and the second column includes images of houses in Santa Barbara, California.

Here's the direct link to all 1,000+ slides online at LOC: <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/fbj/search/?co=fbj&sp=1&st=gallery&q=j17+lantern&so=asc&sb=id>

The Art of Illusions - Pre-cinematic Entertainment in Mexico at The Velaslavasay Panorama

From Sara Velas

An Illustrated Lecture by José Antonio Rodríguez

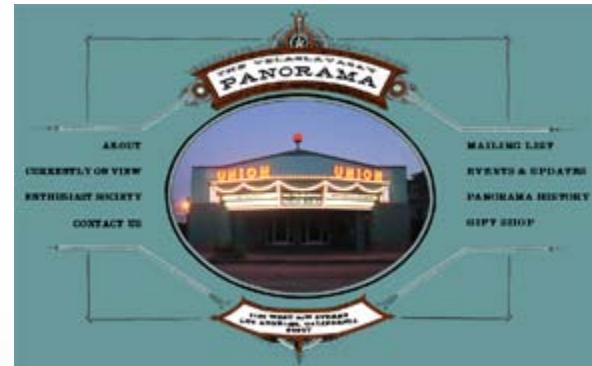
Saturday, June 16th, 2012 8 PM

A presentation on visual technologies, projection methods and entertainments popular in Mexico before the proliferation of cinema. This bilingual illustrated lecture will be presented in English & Spanish.

Una presentación sobre la tecnología visual, las proyecciones y los espectáculos que precedieron al cine en México. Esta conferencia ilustrada se presentará en forma bilingüe en Inglés y Español. Tickets \$12 {\$10 VPES Members} Available at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/242705>

(images and additional information forthcoming)

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The Velaslavasay Panorama
1122 West 24th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(213)746-2166
www.panoramaonview.org



<http://www.panoramaonview.org/news.html>



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Iowa Department of Transportation

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Historic Archives Digital Collections

Collection Descriptions

- 1914 Iowa State Highway Commission (IHC) County Maps
- 1916 Iowa lakes and lake trails
- Airport Improvement Plan
- Archival collection
- Grand Avenue, Ames, Iowa: 1936-1938 collection
- Hustlinger's atlas collection
- I-480 bridge
- IHC photograph collection
- Julian Dubnoys Bridge
- Lantern slide collection

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These treasured images were captured from around the end of the 19th century through the first part of the 20th century at locations throughout the state. The majority of images were shown at Iowa Highway Commission or industry meetings.

<http://historicalphotos.iowadot.gov/descriptions.aspx>

"The Magic Lantern: Illuminating a Bygone Era"

The Magic Lantern: Illuminating a Bygone Era

presented by

The C.E. Smith Museum of Anthropology

Exhibition Location:

CSU East Bay - Hayward Campus
Meiklejohn Hall - Fourth Floor - Room 4047

Opening Reception:

Friday - March 9, 2012 - 4-7 p.m.

Exhibition Dates and Times:

March 12 through June 15, 2012
Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed: March 26 though 30, May 28

Free Admission

Paid for with Instructionally Related Activity funds.



Parking is available at meters along West Loop Road or in Parking Lot C. Permits can be purchased for \$10.00 per day at any labeled dispenser in the lot.

California State University, East Bay welcomes persons with disabilities and will provide reasonable accommodation upon request. Please notify event sponsor at least two weeks in advance if accommodation is needed.

The Magic Lantern: Illuminating a Bygone Era



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C.E. Smith Museum of Anthropology
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From Shel Izen

The Magic Lantern:

Illuminating a Bygone Era

Once upon a time there was a world without moving pictures or even color photographs, where the oil-fired Magic Lantern revealed images of far-off lands and famous tales. Let us take you back to the era of lantern shows to experience the charm of the hand-colored glass slides.

The exhibition, designed by students, includes interactive displays, antique Magic Lanterns, and glass slides from the turn of the 20th century. Collections featured are on loan from our Library's Special Collection, and private collections including the Island City Masonic Lodge. Topics include Victorian fashion, fairy tales, phantasmagoria, and historic events such as the 1893 Chicago Worlds Fair and 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

Step back in time to an age when steam-power replaced horse-power and treat yourself to a show in our traveling lanternist's tent!



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Museum Director:

George Miller, Ph.D.
510-885-3104

Associate Director:

Marjorie Rhodes-Ousley, M.A.
510-885-3104

For Information:

Phone: 510-885-7414
Web: class.csueastbay.edu/anthropology-museum/



Current Exhibit

The Magic Lantern: Illuminating a Bygone Era
Magic lanterns, the earliest means of projecting photographic images, and the glass slides they enlarged, are the subject of our 2012 annual exhibition.

California State University, East Bay C.E. Smith Museum of Anthropology.

http://class.csueastbay.edu/anthropologymuseum/current_exhibit.php

From Terry Borton

Here's an article about a modern hip hop

Pepper's Ghost

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/20/opinion/tupac-live-and-onstage.html?_r=1

The author, Russell Potter, is also the author of a great book about the Arctic Panoramas, Arctic Spectacles.

The New York Times

The Opinion Pages

WORLD U.S. N.Y./REGION BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE HEALTH

OP-ED CONTRIBUTOR

Tupac's Posthumous Live Tour

By RUSSELL A. POTTER
Published: April 19, 2012

Providence, R.I.



Universal History Archive/Getty Images
The stage illusion known as "Pepper's Ghost."

AT first, the virtual Tupac Shakur looked like any other video image. But then he stepped off the screen, gave shout-outs to Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg, and started working the stage, mike in hand, just like old times. The crowd at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival gasped, then cheered wildly. As a YouTube commenter wrote, it was as if they had "seen a ghost."

In fact they had. Last week's appearance — perhaps "apparition" is a better word — of Tupac onstage more than 15 years after he was fatally shot was created using an old-fashioned stage illusion known as "Pepper's Ghost." Popularized by John Henry Pepper, a professor of the Royal Polytechnic Institution in London, it was used in 1862, in a stage version of Charles Dickens's "Haunted Man."

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/20/opinion/tupac-live-and-onstage.html?_r=2

Past and Future Magic Lantern Events

From Lesley Evans

Revelstoke, BC, 2011

Christmas Lantern Show

We handed over a cheque for a \$1000 to the local Food Bank, the proceeds of the two night Christmas Lantern Show, both nights sold out. We cannot face three nights next year even though we still had to turn people away this year!

Showing at Camera Show

Group NW participated again this year, **April 14th** promoting the convention and public lantern show in Tacoma in June.



School Visitation Day

at Fort Steilacoom

Group NW will be participating again this year, **May 4th** during school visitation day at Fort Steilacoom, just south of Tacoma. There will be lantern show, slide coloring for the kids. Another chance for promoting the convention and public lantern show in Tacoma in June.

Fort Steilacoom

EXPERIENCE

School Visitation Day
May 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Living History Open House
May 5 & 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum • Gift Shop • Displays
9601 Steilacoom Blvd.
Lakewood, WA

253-582-5838

Magic Lantern Conference in October, in Melbourne

Date Sat 27 and Sun 28 October 2012

Venue The Salon at Abbotsford Convent, Melbourne Australia - The Convent is a fabulous historic venue and Melbourne in Spring is wonderful too.

Proposed Program – convention for Members on the Saturday followed by an open exhibition for the Public with demonstrations and children's program on the Sunday -

More On



Something New On Ebay

eBay **Magic Lantern Digital Movie Projector "Penny Pincher Edition" Steampunk Victorian**

CATEGORIES ELECTRONICS FASHION MOTORS TICKETS DEALS

Back to search results | Consumer Electronics > Other



Quantity: 10 available

US \$450.00 Buy It Now

Shipping: \$50.00 - Economy Shipping

Item location: Casselberry, Florida, US

This is just like our standard editions but built with a lower resolution projector, for those who want one of these unique items but are on a budget. Each one of our Magic Lantern Digital Projector are a one of a kind custom hand-made item. They have hidden audio, video and PC connections and much more. Each one is made very unique and beautiful, made with choice pieces of wood, brass, or other components of your choice. Each one is made with you in mind, and hand crafted when you place the order, made to your specifications. We will build it with brass, steel, chrome or painted parts, and stain the wood to your choice of colors for no addition cost. We can also build the projector itself to the specs you desire just to fit your needs, as well as add a built in DVD player or Blu-Ray, and even a built in speaker system, for an additional cost. And we can even provide Victorian styled "modern quality" screens built to your specs as well.

eBay **Magic Lantern Digital Movie Projector "Lords&Ladies Edition" Steampunk Victorian**

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US \$750.00 Buy It Now

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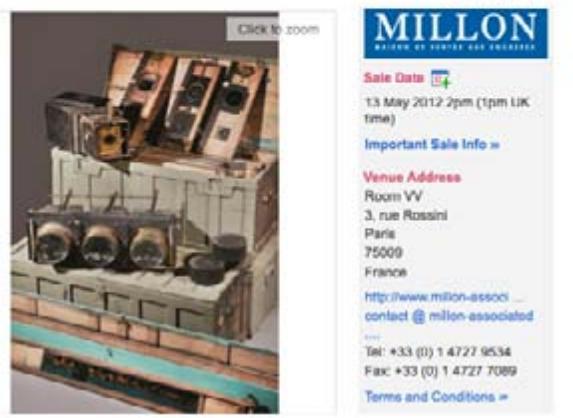
May auction of spectacular lantern slides

Created around 1880 the diaphanorama by Eugene-Louis Danguy (1831-1889) is an optical device for projecting in theaters. The unique example created by its inventor will be displayed and offered for sale on **Sunday May 13** by the "study" Millon in the room VV, 3 Rossini Street in Paris.

Millon and Associates

The Deriaz, a dynasty of photographers, a collection of photographers, Family Collection of Eugene Louis Danguy "the diaphanorama" and proposals nineteenth and twentieth / The Deriaz, a dynasty of photographers, a collection of photographers, Family Collection of Eugene Louis Danguy 'the diaphanorama' and 19th & 20th Century Proposals

Lot 289



<http://translate.google.com/translate?client=firefox-a&hl=en&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&u=http://www.the-sale-room.com/en-gb/auction-catalogues/millon-and-associes/catalogue-id-2862238/lot-14123825>

From Kentwood Wells and Christophe Goeury

Secretary-Treasurer Note

2012 Membership Directories and Ballots for the 2012-14 office elections have been mailed out to all members of record for 2012. Instructions for voting are on the ballots. Ballots are due to Dick Moore by May 15th or bring them to the Tacoma Convention.

Member Updates

Francis, David and Joss Marsh

New address as of June 2012:
137 Beach St
Deal
CT14 6JS, UK

Jorgensen, Kristina

Change of address
(Note is very similar to prior address):
27A Heritage Crest Drive
Southbury, CT 06488

San Diego State University

Pat Meyer

Change of email address:
plmeyer@mail.sdsu.edu

A Big Thank You to the following:

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Ron Easterday
Lesley Evans
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Christophe Goeury
Tom Rall
Sara Velas
Kentwood D. Wells

for contributing to this months issue.

Welcome members renewing post the Spring 2012 Directory Printing

Mixon, Grover

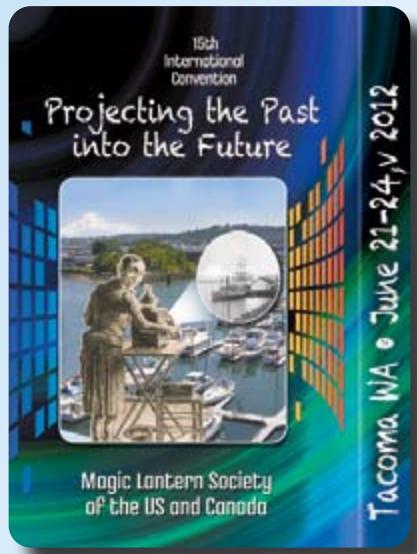
841 Sumter Hwy
Kingstree, SC 29556-4964
(843) 382-8482
Minister
gcmixon@ftc-i.net
Interests:

Lanterns: Alcohol lighted, arc light, limelight;
Slides: Glass plate hand painted. Plans to give shows.

Velas, Sara

Velaslavasay Panorama
1122 W. 24th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90007-1724
(213) 746-2166
Artist
sara@panoramaonview.org
www.panoramaonview.org
Interests:
Lanterns; Slides; Literature; Kinetic Devices;
Vintage Cinema; Runs a specialty venue
Velaslavasay Panorama, welcomes magic lantern presentations in an historic theatre, once of silent film.

You Can Score a Perfect Score June 21 - 24, in Tacoma



At Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel

2611 E E St, Tacoma, US, 98421



Convention Hotel

The Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel, Website link via www.bestwestern.com

**The Answers to all the questions will be found
at the 15th International Convention**



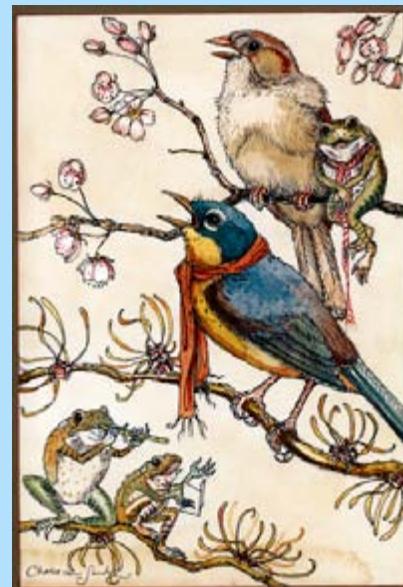
You will see some of the finest slides ever created for the magic lantern by one of the world's finest slide painters.



Edmund H Wilkie - Slide Painter to the Royal Polytechnic



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More Events and Exhibits in Tacoma

Exhibit

The Magic of Lantern Slides
April 11 through July 29, 2012

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April 11 through July 29, 2012



Lantern slide programs enthralled 19th-century audiences. A projector containing a candle or oil lamp would transmit and enlarge images from hand-painted glass slides onto a wall. A more modern version used an incandescent bulb as a light source and projected slides made from hand-tinted photographs.

Lynette Miller, the Historical Society's head of collections, curates this exhibit of lantern slides, projectors, and advertising materials organized in conjunction with the national convention of the Magic Lantern Society, which takes place June 21-24 in Tacoma.

On June 1 at 7 p.m. and June 23 at 7:30 p.m., you can see for yourself what the excitement was about. You can enjoy the entertainment the Victorians enjoyed at two Magic Lantern Shows presented in conjunction with the convention.

Organized by the Washington State History Museum.

<http://www.washingtonhistory.org/wshm/featured-exhibits.aspx>

Professor Stan Dupp Wants to See You There



Friday, June 1, 2012, 7PM

Join us in a bit of free entertainment and education about Victorian period entertainment and see an Italian Renaissance Revival structure that was built in 1906-1907 of Tenino stone from a design by architect Frederick Heath and hailed as the "most elaborate and perfectly furnished lodge building in the West."

Castle Hall at the Knights of Pythias,
Commencement Lodge #7•
Knights of Pythias,
926 1/2 Broadway, Tacoma, WA.

Four shows in one!

- A brief travel back in time illustrating the wide variety of magic lantern slides
- A look at historic Puget Sound locations
- Lecture of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman and Enginemen
- A tale of Tacoma Tar and his colorful life in and around tall ships in the Puget Sound area

Brought to by Magic-Lantern Group NW, and Knights of Pythias, Commencement Lodge #7. Group NW is a group of individuals from Vancouver, BC to Vancouver, Washington and members of the Magic Lantern Society of the United States and Canada.



In conjunction with the upcoming Convention of the Magic Lantern Society, on June 23, there will be a special Victorian Magic Lantern Show, open to the public.



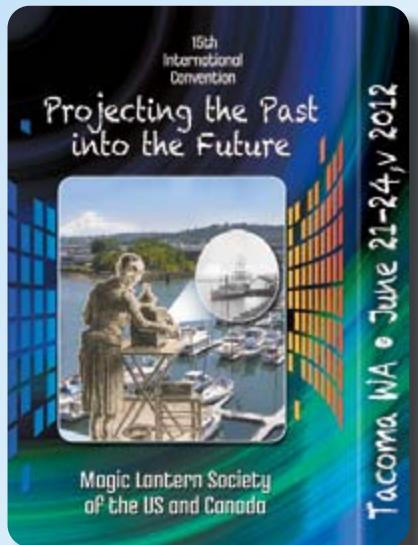
SATURDAY, JUNE 23 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$12 each,
available from the Magic Lantern Society

The American Magic-Lantern Theater presents a Magic Lantern Show, the authentic Victorian, big-screen extravaganza that led to the movies. This program will be held in the Washington State History Museum Auditorium.

<http://www.magicalaternsociety.org/convention-2012.html>

15th International Convention



June 21 — 24, 2012
Tacoma WA

The Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel, 2611 East E St, Tacoma, WA
Website link via www.bestwestern.com Toll-free reservations:
800-780-7234 Direct Phone: (253) 272-7737
Convention Room Rate: \$ 99.00/night. Lodging and sales tax approximately \$18/night.



By the way, if you have not made hotel reservations yet, you have to call the hotel in Tacoma directly to get the MLS rate. There are better rates on-line for weekdays, but when you add in the Saturday rate, the MLS rate is less as a total cost.



NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION



If you need a registration form [click here!](#)



General Convention Schedule

- **Thursday:** Welcome reception (cash bar) at the convention hotel late afternoon, before dinner on-your own.
- **Friday and Saturday:** Presentations at the hotel meeting rooms throughout the day with sales room. A special off-site visit is being planned for the latter part of Friday afternoon before dinner on-your own. A special show Friday evening.
- **Saturday Evening:** Late afternoon trip to the Washington State History Museum with displays, convention dinner, and a public evening show in the museum auditorium.
- **Sunday morning/afternoon:** Business meeting and auction.

- Sales room
- Auction
- Presentations
- entertaining and educational
- Renew those friendships
- Start some new ones
- Chance to share